

JOB HAZARD ANALYSIS (JHA)		Date: 04-01-06	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New JHA Revised JHA
Task: Working with Small Animals		JHA #8	Page <u>1</u> of <u>2</u>
Task Overview:	APHIS personnel will be working around animals of small (49 lbs. or less) size and weight. Various tasks will be performed around the animals		
Task Elements:	•Working around small animals		
Personal Protective Equipment:	Work clothes, Dust mask, air purifying respirator, safety glasses, nitrile (exam) gloves, work gloves		
Tools and Equipment:	Various		
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONCERNS			
Chemical Agents: Various possible	Physical Agents: Bites/scrapes	Biological Agents: Allergic reactions Animal borne pathogens	
Activity/Sequence of Job Steps	Potential Hazards/ Injury sources	Safe Action or Procedure	
Working around small animals	Working with possible chemically contaminated animals Bites/scrapes Allergic reactions Animal borne pathogens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the animal is contaminated with a known or unknown chemical agent, the APHIS Safety Officer will confer with and follow the procedures of the Incident Safety Officer. • All animals can harbor <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and other normal flora that can induce infections through a bite wound, as well as other more animal specific diseases. APHIS personnel should be provided with and utilize work clothing (including gloves and work boots) that the specific animal type would have limited penetration of. • The dust and particulate matter in animal areas may cause throat and eye irritation. Goggles and N-95 dust masks are to be used as needed. • APHIS personnel should be familiar with the signs of an allergic reaction (sneezing, tearing, watery nasal discharge, congestion, skin rashes, asthma), report to their supervisor if symptoms are noted and be examined by a physician. • Basic biosecurity precautions should be taught (see 	

		supplemental information below) to limit the spread of animal borne diseases.
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* Supplemental Information

Basic Disease Transmission Prevention

- Wear disposable boots or rubber boots that can be disinfected, if you must visit farms.
- Wash clothing and footwear using an APHIS approved disinfectant after contact with foreign livestock or poultry.
- Clean nostrils and fingernails and wash hair thoroughly after contact with foreign livestock or poultry.
- Dispose of clothing, shoes, equipment, cameras, and other items that are difficult or impossible to disinfect.
- Keep clean clothing and footwear available for visitors to wear if they must be around your livestock or poultry.
- Provide shower-in, shower-out facilities if possible.
- Discourage handling of animals by all visitors.